



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 636-398-5270 Fax: 636-398-5577

Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am
4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:00am

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

Reconciliation:

Mon/Tue/Wed in church, 7pm
Saturday following 8am Mass

Marriage:

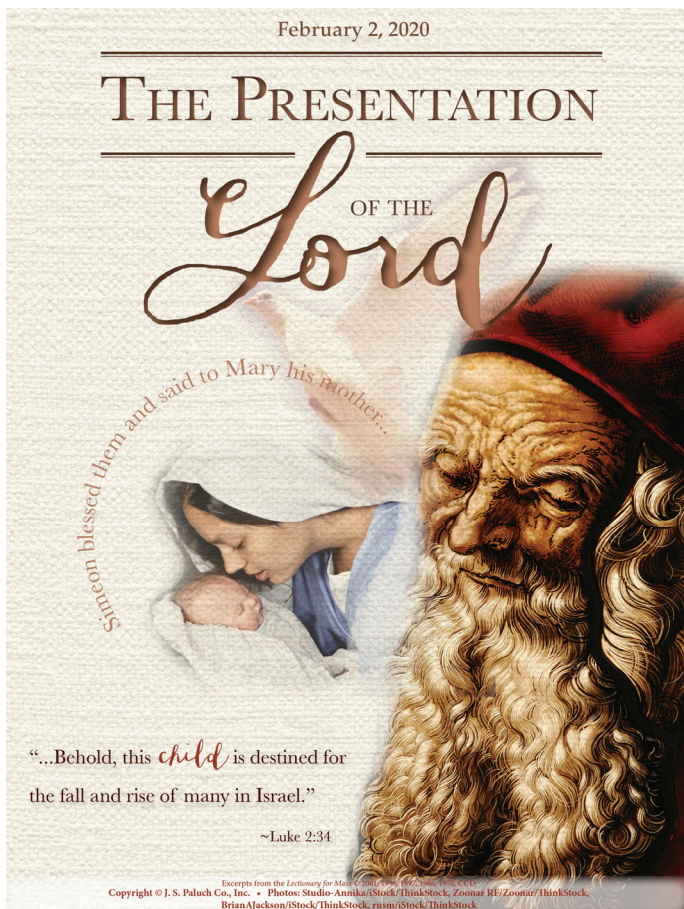
Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

Baptism:

Contact the parish office
to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office



ALWAYS READY FOR JESUS

Today's feast is both magnificent and mysterious: magnificent because the very first contemporaries of Jesus begin to recognize him as Christ, the anointed Savior of the world; mysterious, because this King is still a child, an obscure boy obedient to his earthly parents. The prophet Malachi—living and dying before the coming of Christ—points toward the arrival of the Messiah and encourages God's people to prepare themselves by living generous, holy lives. The Letter to the Hebrews—written after Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection—renews the prophetic call to holiness, reminding us that the Lord will always help us: "Because he himself was tested through what he suffered,

he is able to help those who are being tested." The Gospel reading overflows with examples of joyful men and women living God's call to holiness. Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna show us, in their own ways, how to love Christ.

We often think, "Once I get *this*, or once *that* happens, *then* I will be happy." But the Gospel shows a better way. All four adults in today's Gospel long deeply for the Messiah and "the consolation of Israel" he will bring. Human temptation might obsess over the promise of future peace and prosperity, leaving only anxiety and resentment for present suffering. But Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna leave the saving of the

world to God; for their part, they focus on Jesus. Each of them keeps busy with daily details of the various lifestyles they have chosen. Mary and Joseph concern themselves with raising a family, while Simeon and Anna dedicate their lives to prayer in the temple. They find peace enough in fulfilling the obligations of their stations in life, maintaining a lively prayer life to be attentive to God's action in the world. In today's Gospel, their focus is literally and spiritually on Jesus. They model for us how to be happy and holy: performing their daily duties peacefully, always ready to recognize Jesus as he reveals himself.

Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

Parish Staff

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Shawn Mueller, Director

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Parish School of Religion
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Confirmation Preparation
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Children's Liturgy of the Word
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass
Adult Education
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

Quick Contacts Directory

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Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

WHEN DOES THE CHRISTMAS SEASON END?

Philip Kosloski

Is it December 26? January 6? February 2?

In secular culture the Christmas season begins around Halloween and ends on December 26. However, in the Roman Catholic Church, the liturgical season of Christmas only *begins* on December 25 and lasts much longer!

The USCCB explains, "The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us."

For those dioceses in the Roman Rite that celebrate Epiphany on January 6, the Baptism of the Lord falls on the Sunday after it. In other places where Epiphany is celebrated on the first Sunday that falls from January 2 through January 8, then the Baptism of the Lord could occur either on the following Sunday, or on a Monday (this happens if Epiphany is celebrated on January 7 or 8).

The latest that the Baptism of the Lord can occur is January 13. The season of Ordinary Time starts

on the day after this feast.

This means that typically, the Christmas season runs roughly from December 25 – January 13.

For many Eastern Catholics (as well as Orthodox Christians), the birth of Jesus is celebrated on January 6 (or sometimes on January 7).

At the same time, the historical Christmas cycle extends even past the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally the feast of Candlemas (the Presentation of the Lord) occurs on February 2 and marked the final conclusion of the "Christmas cycle."

Candlemas celebrates an event that occurred 40 days after Jesus' birth and was his first introduction to the Temple. In other words, it is the final "baby Jesus" feast day on the Church's liturgical calendar.

Christmas is a beautiful season in the Catholic Church, one that doesn't end on December 26, but extends as far as February!



JONAH TEAMS: A MINISTRY OF HEALING PRAYER

Our families and parishes are in need of healing and freedom in Christ. For the past 20 years, on the first Sunday of every month, the Jonah Team Ministry has been available in the Eucharistic Chapel to pray with any individual desiring prayers for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational) for themselves or others. Our teams pray with fellow parishioners with expectant faith, knowing God brings about transformation, healing and growth. Are you being called to bring the Gospel to life by helping to bring others to a personal encounter with Jesus? If you would like to explore the possibility of being an instrument of God's healing for others, please contact Debbie Gillespie (636-398-4971) for an application and more information. The next one day training session is Saturday, February 8th at the Catholic Renewal Center and a

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—YEAR A

Only great solemnities are allowed to interrupt the usual Sunday cycle of celebration. Today is one of those special days! The Solemnity of the Presentation has traditionally been called "Candlemas Day." It is the day on which all candles are blessed for Church and home use. In times past, today was also called the "Purification of Mary," but it is primarily a celebration of Christ as Light of the World.

The canticle of Zechariah (The "Benedictus", Luke 1:68-79) is used every day in Morning Prayer ("Lauds") in the Liturgy of the Hours. The canticle of Mary (The "Magnificat", Luke 1:46-55) is used each day in Evening Prayer ("Vespers"). The canticle of Simeon (The "Nunc Dimittis", Luke 2:29-32) is used each day in Night Prayer ("Compline"). For spiritual growth, consider praying them regularly as part of your Morning, Evening, and Night Prayer. Use Blessed Candles at home as a sign of the presence in your home of Jesus, the Light of the World.

THIS WEEK AT HOME

Purificators: Mary Stassi
Heavenly Duster: Sarah Aulbach



Sunday, February 2

Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30am Mass

Monday, February 3

St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm

Choir practice, church, 7pm

Tuesday, February 4

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Staff meeting, Weber Hall, 11:30am

KC Officers, Founders Hall, 7pm

Children's Choir, church, 7pm

Wednesday, February 5

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am

Contemporary practice, church, 5:30pm

PSR, Weber Hall/Founders Hall/Trailer, 6pm

Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm

P&W band practice, church, 7pm

Reconciliation, church, 7pm

Thursday, February 6

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Youth Ministry, Grand Hall, 6:30pm

Yoga, Founders Hall, 7pm

Friday, February 7

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

New Parishioner Wine & Cheese, Fr. Tom's, 6:30pm

Saturday, February 8

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Sunday, February 9

KC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8:30—11:30am

NEXT WEEK MINISTRIES

February 8—4pm

EM: Jennifer Fredrick, Wally & Jan Karase, Ed Taylor, Bryan Potter, Becky Wilson, Jim & Chris Warren

Lec: Richard & Kathy Lalonde

GB: Flo Joerling, Jerry Knott

Serv: Isabelle Scheer, William Fredrick

Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Mark Thome, Larry Graves, Dave Hendrix

Music: Bryan Beams & cantor

February 9—7:30am

EM: Emily Cooksey, John Fiacco, Bob Leeker, Julia Kettler., Dianne Dickherber, Rich Molitor

Lec: Chuck Kettler, Karen Wappelhorst

GB: Bill & Jean Reed Bammann

Serv: Sydney Jaeckle, Nate Buescher

Ush: Larry Koch, Tom Meczowski, Dave London, Frank Kardasz

Music: Elizabeth Jaeckle & Verdi Morley

February 9—9:30am

EM: Sharon Watts Smith, Maureen Blondin, Judeen Kutsko, Mary Hannig, Joni Marren-Slaughter, Lisa Murpny, Don & Susan Hladky

Lec: Grant Smith, Patrice Riley

GB: Mary Keune & Lisa Nadler

Serv: Morgan Molitor, Jo & Billy Simon

Ush: Alan Raymond, Larry Smith, Gary Struckhoff, Bill Riley, George Stark, Joe Weber

Music: Adult Choir

February 9—11:30am

EM: Marcy Pivin, Mary Simpson, Elaine Sudbrock, Katie Wibbenmeyer, Donna Wolff, Janet Hespen

Lec: Chuck Hinkle, Nancy Meyers

GB: Menne Family

Serv: Emilia Petrik

Ush: Ron Simpson, Randy Gust, Tim Maher, Brian Nelson

Music: Praise & Worship Band

IHMformation Station

February 8, 4pm

Wally & Jan Karase

February 9, 7:30am

Bob & Teresa Berfanger

February 9, 9:30am

Lois Cobleigh

February 9, 11:30am

Randy & Angie Gust

✝ REST IN PEACE ✝

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of

Pam Knott,

sister-in-law of Jerry & Sandy Knott

John DiFatta

father of Maria & Jeff Bryant

May they and all the faithful departed
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.



Marriage in Christ has been promised between
Ashley Sommer and Elliott Burkemper



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

CALENDAR

Feb. 6 & 13: Final Luke 18 prep 6:30—8pm

Feb. 22: Luke 18 Lock-In Retreat put on by

Youth Group for all IHM 8th Grade

students. 8:30am check-in, Grand Hall

Feb. 23: Retreat ends after 11:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 3	
8:00am	intention of Tina Meyer
Tuesday, February 4	
8:00am	Ed Langford +
Wednesday, February 5	
8:00am	parents of Jeff & Chris Comotto
Thursday, February 6	
8:00am	Tom Miller +
Friday, February 7	
8:00am	Holy Vocations Ed & Rose Reuther Family
Saturday, February 8	
8:00am	All Souls
4:00pm	Bob Keune +
Sunday, February 9	
7:30am	Jolene Molitor +
9:30am	People of the Parish
11:30am	intention of Roger & Vickie Brink

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND SUFFERING:

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt, Fran Bussen, Walt Reel, Karla Sitzes, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann, Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart, Dan Brothers, Cindy White

David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children),
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),
Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),
Peter Gray (son-in-law of Adrienne Collins),
Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan),
Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor),
Macy Enderle (niece of Ray & Kay Cherry),
Mary Louise Ricciotti (mom of Donna Cattoor),
Loretta Nolan (sister of Kathy Lalonde)

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

Communion Calls: If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

Prayer Requests: Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

CONTRIBUTIONS, JANUARY 25/26

General Offertory:	\$7,715.50
Online – General Offertory:	\$2,227.89
TOTAL	\$9,943.39

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..."
(Luke 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

We pray ... that others can see we live as Christians by the way we act, dress, and talk.

NEEDED AT THE PANTRY

fruit juices (grape, apple, cran-something),
saltines, oil, canned chili, beef stew,
hot and cold cereal, coffee, sugar, tea,
canned fruits, dish soap, paper products, toilet paper,
canned spaghetti sauce, men's shaving lotion, men/women disposable razors



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic lay organization dedicated to providing service to those in need. We help in a variety of ways, like housing, clothing and food, utility and prescription drug assistance, vehicle repairs and more.

You can help by donating to the Society, shopping at our thrift stores, and volunteering with your parish's Conference. To learn more visit www.svdpstlouis.org or call 636-398-5270, extension 225.

Men's Annual White House Retreat



This is an invitation to the men of IHM to attend the annual White House Retreat starting Thursday, March 26 and ending on Sunday, March 29. There is a sign up in the back of church, or contact Ken Birk at 636-398-5301. Reservations due by February 26. I hope you can join us!

Women's Retreats also available. Call the church office if you are interested or want more information.

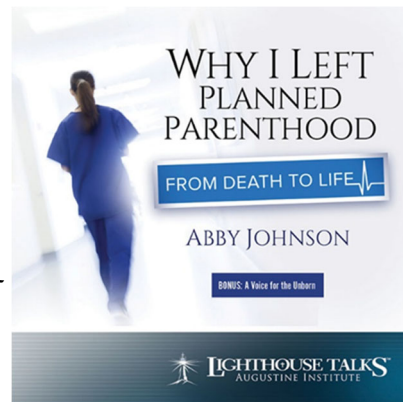
ST. PAUL LIBRARY / LIGHTHOUSE CD RESOURCES

(Note: With close to 4000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack: Narthex

Abby Johnson is a widely recognized Catholic speaker who was once the director of one of Planned Parenthood's largest clinics where she came face to face with the reality of abortion. She shares an insider's perspective about the true motivations of the abortion industry, and her courageous journey away from it and towards life. Her story is a testament to God's grace and mercy, and the joy that comes from being an advocate for life

I was fully engaged in Abby's story and message. I find it so remarkable that someone so entrenched in the Planned Parenthood organization can now see the harm in its mission. Her personal story is a testament to prayer and God's work. I marvel at her remarkable conversion and her faithful dedication to not only live the faith but to evangelize. She clearly speaks the truth! Katie, VA



From the Parish Library (Grand Hall)



From Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, the writers/co-producers of *God's Not Dead* comes a film that speaks to one of the most polarizing topics of our day. *Unplanned* brings us an eye opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. After reading Abby Johnson's best selling book of the same title, Cary and Chuck were moved to bring this inspiring true story to the big screen, giving voice to a woman who has been on both sides of the abortion debate. *Unplanned* is the most important movie you'll ever see on the most controversial issue of our time. No matter which side of the fence you're on, no one will leave this film unmoved by Abby's journey. English and Spanish audio. English SDH and Spanish subtitles. Approx. 106 minutes.

2020 Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the parish. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office: 636-398-5270.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.



Update Membership Information

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 636-398-5270.

WANT TO SAVE ON TAXES? AN IRA DISTRIBUTION CAN HELP

To learn more, contact the planned giving experts at the Roman Catholic Foundation.
314-918-2890 / giftplanning@rcfstl.org.

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

- The role of the Church is crucial in our era when many young people experience broken _____ which no longer sufficiently assure solid preparation.
a. jobs b. homes
c. feelings d. cars
- So they will be able at a suitable age to engage in honorable courtship and enter upon a marriage of their own, young people should have learned the value of _____.
a. money b. chastity
c. the military d. a career
- The situation of a mixed marriage requires particular attention on the part of couples and their _____.
a. parents b. peers
c. relatives d. pastors
- Difference of confession between the _____ does not constitute an insurmountable obstacle for marriage.
a. spouses b. political parties
c. countries d. religions
- Differences about faith and the very notion of marriage, but also different religious mentalities, can become sources of _____ in marriage.
a. tension b. outcome
c. new income d. happiness
- In case of disparity of cult (mixed marriage) an express _____ from this impediment is required for the validity of the marriage.
a. order b. dispensation
c. written document d. command
- Both parties need to know the obligations assumed by the Catholic party concerning the baptism and _____ of the children in the Catholic Church.
a. parenting styles b. education
c. intelligence d. gender
- A marriage bond concluded and consummated between baptized persons can never be _____.
a. challenged b. tolerated
c. defended d. dissolved
- This bond henceforth is irrevocable, and gives rise to a _____ guaranteed by God's fidelity.
a. contract b. promise
c. writing d. covenant
- The grace proper to the sacrament of Matrimony is intended to perfect the couple's _____ and to strengthen their indissoluble unity.
a. beauty b. finances
c. love d. children

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH- NEW MELLE, MO

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HORSE RACES

Raising funds for local charities

Tickets are \$15 at the door

Saturday, February 29, 2020

in the Stoltz Grand Hall

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Races begin at 6:30 pm

Total of 14 races

Admission includes chili, hot
dogs, chicken wings,
chips, snacks,
Bud Light, Amber Bock,
Margaritas, wine, soda,
and ice for set-ups.

Each horse in each race can be
named and sponsored for \$50.

60% of the money waged on each
race will be returned to those
who wager on the horses.

40% supports the Knights
of Columbus charitable programs.



Sponsor a race for \$100

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tue: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thu: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Fri: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sun: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Pope's Intentions for February:
Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



IHM Vocation Traveling Case



We recently updated some vocation materials and have collected them in a “traveling case” for families to pray for, support and / or discern their vocational call, whether as married, sacred single, priesthood-diaconate or religious life. We have scheduled 8th grade PSR families to be the first to “travel.” We would like all families to pray for godly vocations in whatever area the Lord prompts someone to follow. We are distributing some Vocation “Table Tents” in the narthex for anyone to pick up to set on the family table or mantle.



Two other notes about vocations: If you have a holy hour, please consider dedicating one minute before the Lord to pray for holy vocations from our parish. If you are interested in praying for priests in particular, there is a “Prayer Warriors for Priests” group that meet in various local parishes on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 am. Mary Stassi at the parish is a contact here.

The Vocation Traveling Case contains a few “visuals” that you can use for prayer at your discretion. There is a Vocation Prayer chalice (For Priests-Deacons), an Icon of St. Francis and St. Clare (For Religious Life) a Sculpture of a Husband, Wife and Child (For Marriage) Lyrics from Hymn “How Can I Keep From Singing” (For Single Life). A prayer candle is also included.



PSR Corner

In the Traditional- Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, February is traditionally dedicated to The Holy Family. Simply put, a Holy Family is a praying family. For some simple practical tips, do a search online for an article called “Practical Ways to Pray as a Family” by Allison Auth.



Save the Date!

Saturday, March 21
Lenten Prayer Breakfast
for Men and Women of the Parish
Begins with 8am Mass
Breakfast and speaker following
in the Grand Hall



A great way to organize emergency meals for the people of our parish!

Arrival of a new baby Injuries/Surgeries
 Military deployment Extended illnesses
 Condolences Group events

Please contact Kelly Meyer at meyer5853@qmcinc.org if you have any questions or would like to become a part of this ministry.

Prayer Warriors for Priests



Prayer Warriors for Priests is a group of women that meets monthly to pray for priests, deacons, and seminarians of the St. Charles Deanery and surrounding areas.

All women are invited to join us for the Rosary. Any questions, please contact Mary Stassi: 636-357-1387 or pinegrovefarm76@yahoo.com. Here is the prayer schedule for the next few months, all **beginning at 10am**:

February 8:	St. Gianna Church
March 14:	IHM/St. Joseph Chapel
April 11:	ICD/Adoration Chapel



Our photography dates for our upcoming directory event is fast approaching. With a goal of 100%, we need ALL families to sign up! Our directory will allow us to connect names and faces and stay connected. Photography times are still available—visit our website (or stop by the IHMformation Station) to sign up now.

Every family will receive a free 8x10 portrait and will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Receive a \$10 off coupon at check-in. Plan for around an hour.

For more information, call the church office. We can't wait to see you!

Prayer Shawls



Several IHM parishioners participate in the Corporal Acts of Mercy by creating prayer shawls. These prayer shawls are blessed and stored in the sacristy. If you have a friend or family member in need of tangible emotional or spiritual support because of whatever is going on in their life—grief, a difficult diagnosis, chronic pain, a caregiver, or struggling with spiritual or emotional pain—consider giving them a prayer shawl. You just have to stop by the parish office to request one and they can let you into the sacristy to select one. We do not charge for these shawls, but if you are in a position to make a donation, that would be appreciated.

If you knit or crochet and would like to contribute to this ministry, we welcome your interest and the gifts of your time, talent and treasure! Currently, we all work independently from home and no longer meet to work on our shawls as a group. You are welcome to call me if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Because we no longer meet as a group, I have no idea who is contributing to this ministry. Please let me know if you are making shawls. I and the parish office would like to have an idea how many are contributing to this ministry.

Protecting Member Privacy

In order to help us all know more about our Church and to have an annually updated Church directory, we have contracted with Guide Book Publishing to produce a "Guide Book and Directory." The book will be direct mailed to every household in our Church and is being provided at no cost to our parish. This Guide Book and Directory is and shall remain the property of this congregation only. Use of this book by anyone for a business purpose or for the telephone or mail solicitation is strictly forbidden. If you do not want your phone number and/or your address listed in this publication, please contact the church office at 636-398-5270 by February 16. The Guide Book will go to press at the end of February. Thanks!

The funeral luncheon committee is seeking 2 volunteers to be luncheon coordinators. Our funeral luncheons are a wonderful blessing to grieving families. If you are able to help in this ministry, please call one of these ladies for details: Carol Grady 314-662-2281, Ruth Neske 636-398-5699, Vicki Grunz 636-497-5230.

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Attention Employees & Volunteers

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to:

www.preventandprotectstl.org

to register, and contact our parish Child Safety Coordinator Karen Wappelhorst with any questions or for further assistance. Karen's email: childsafety@ihm-newmelle.org, or call her at 636-398-5270.

What's happening around town?

St. Francis Borgia Regional High School has immediate openings in the cafeteria. The hours are 7:00am—2:30pm. Call or email today to find out additional information and tuition/lunch benefits. Please email or call Lori Johnson at lori.johnson@borgia.com or 636-239-7871 ext. 121. Be a part of the Borgia staff family!

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St. Patrick Parish in Wentzville is sponsoring "Renewed in the Holy Spirit" Parish Mission February 3-6 at 6:30pm. Rev. Peter Schavitz, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist and native of Chicago, will be the guest preacher. Plan to attend one or all and bring the whole family! Nightly refreshments and fellowship will follow in the social hall. Child care is provided along with a Children's Liturgy. Invite neighbors and friends. Everyone is welcome. Information/questions call 636-332-9225 or visit www.stpatrickwentzville.org/mission.

Desert Day. How often have you said to yourself: I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days are just that. The desert has always been a symbol for a meeting place with God. Come to the quiet and beauty at Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center at 204 North Main, O'Fallon, MO on **Wednesday, February 5, 9:30am—3:30pm** and let God speak to your heart. The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection and rest. Opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is available. Lunch is provided and we ask a free will offering. For more information or to register contact Sr. Carol Orf at 314-560-1028 or by email at corf@cpps-ofallon.org.

Euchre Tournament sponsored by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be held on **Saturday, February 8 at 7pm** at St. Joseph School, 1410 Josephville Rd., Wentzville. Cost is \$10. Keep your partner. For more info call Dennis Stamer 636-346-3716.

St. Patrick Quilt Social Bingo is **Saturday, February 8**. Doors open at 9am with bingo starting at 10:30am in the parish social hall. A quilt is won every 5th game of Bingo, with 30 games played. Other prizes include embroidered pillowcases and towels and crocheted items. Morning pastries and coffee, as well as lunch sandwiches, chips and dessert will be available for purchase. No one under 16 allowed in the hall during Bingo. For details, visit www.stpatrickwentzville.org/bingo.

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